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BK EVENT CATEGORY: Dictionary of ECF Events

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Event Hypertext link

Acknowledgment of Receipt of Transferred Proceeding (csd 3035)	Court Events
Acknowledgment of Transfer	Claims
Addendum to Record on Appeal	Appeal
Amendment	Other
Amendment - Adding new names or changing addresses (fee)	Other
Answer to Involuntary Petition	Answer/Response
Appellant Designation	Appeal
Application for Compensation	Motions/Applications
Application for FRBP 2004 Examination	Motions/Applications
Application for Final Professional Compensation	Motions/Applications
Application for Interim Professional Compensation	Motions/Applications
Application to Employ	Motions/Applications
Application to Employ Auctioneer	Trustee/US Trustee
Application to Excuse Debtor(s) from 341(a) Meeting	Motions/Applications
Appointment of Trustee in Reopened Case (csd 1491)	Court Events
Appointment of Successor Trustee (csd 1030)	Court Events

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Balance of Schedules and/or Chapter 13 Plan (csd 1099)	Other	
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Certificate of Readiness of Reporter's Transcript	Court Events
Certificate of Service	Other
Chapter 7 Voluntary Petition (fee) bare bones	Other
Chapter 7 Voluntary Petition, Schedules or Statements Due (fee)	Other
Chapter 7 Voluntary Petition, all schedules & statement (fee)	Other
Court Certificate of Mailing	Court Events
Cross Appeal (fee)	Appeal

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Default Judgment	Orders/Opinion (Other Orders)
Declaration	Answer/Response
Declaration Re: Electronic Filing (Court use Only) csd 1801	Other
Discharge Requested	Court Events
Discharge of Debtor	Court Events
Discharge of Debtor (Nunc Pro Tunc)	Court Events
Disclosure of Compensation of Attorney for Debtor (csd 1099)	Other

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Exhibit Other	
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Final Installment Payment	Court Events
Findings of Fact & Conclusion of Law	Orders/Opinion (Other orders)
First Meeting of Creditors	Court Events

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Interrogatories	Other
Involuntary Petition	Other

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Joinder	Other
Judgment	Orders/Opinion (Other Orders)

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Memorandum Decision	Other
Memorandum of Points & Authorities	Answer/Response
Memorandum Re: Return of Documents Under Seal (csd 1463)	Court Events
Minute Order (hearing continued)	Court Events
Minute Order (hearing held)	Court Events
Miscellaneous Notice	Court Events
Motion for Adequate Protection	Motions/Application
Motion for Ex Parte Relief	Motions/Application
Motion for Joint Administration	Motions/Application
Motion for More Definite Statement	Motions/Application
Motion for Relief From Stay (fee)	Motions/Application
Motion for Summary Judgment	Motions/Application
Motion to Appoint	Motions/Application
Motion to Appoint Trustee	Motions/Application
Motion to Assume	Motions/Application
Motion to Avoid Lien	Motions/Application
Motion to Borrow	Motions/Application

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Motion to Compel	Motions/Application
Motion to Consolidate	Motions/Application
Motion to Convert Case	Motions/Application
Motion to Deposit Funds	Motions/Application
Motion to Dismiss Case	Motions/Application
Motion to Extend Time	Motions/Application
Motion to Intervene	Motions/Application
Motion to Limit Notice	Motions/Application
Motion to Reconsider	Motions/Application
Motion to Reopen Case (fee)	Motions/Application
Motion to Seal	Motions/Application
Motion to Sell Free & Clear of Liens	Motions/Application
Motion to Vacate	Motions/Application
Motion to Waive Appearance at 341(a) Meeting	Motions/Application
Motion to Withdrawal Document	Motions/Application
Motion to Withdraw as Attorney	Motions/Application
Motion to Withdrawal Reference (fee)	Motions/Application

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Notice ~Generic~	Other
Notice of Assignment of Claim and Pending Subrogation and Order Thereon (csd 1404)	Court Events
Notice of Appeal	Appeal
Notice of Automatic Stay	Notices
Notice of Change in Assigned Judge & Case Number	Notices

Notice of Change in Date Fixed for Trial/Hearing (csd 1188)	Court Events
Notice of Change of Address (csd 1547)	Notices
Notice to Creditors	Court Events
Notice of Dismissal	Court Events
Notice of Entry (of Judgment or Orders	Notices
Notice of Entry (of Judgement or Order) (csd 1190 & 3050)	Court Events
Notice of Entry of Order Denying the Discharge of Debtor(s)	Court Events
Notice of Entry of Order Vacating Dismissal of Case	Court Events
Notice of Entry of Order Vacating the Discharge of Debtor(s)	Court Events
Notice of Filing of a Motion for Relief From Stay	Notices
Notice of Filing of Case on Transfer From Another District	Court Events
Notice of Filing Proof of Claim by Debtor (or Trustee) (csd 1403)	Court Events
Notice of Hearing on Agreement to Reaffirm Debt (csd 1231)	Notices
Notice of Intended Action & Opportunity for Hearing	Trustee/US Trustee
Notice of Intent to Distribute Estate	Trustee/US Trustee
Notice of Lodgment of Order	Notices
Notice of Motion (csd 1182)	Notices
Notice of Motion and Hearing (csd 1181 & 3015)	Notices
Notice of Proposed Auction	Court Events
Notice of Proposed Order Re: Contempt/Sanctions & Proposed Findings of Facts (csd 1191)	Court Events
Notice of Public Sale	Court Events
Notice of Recession of Reaffirmation Agreement	Notices
Notice of Reference of case to US District Court	Court Events
Notice of Referral of Appeal Bap	Court Events

Notice of Settlement Conference	Court Events
Notice of Status Conference on Involuntary Petition and Answer (csd 1120)	Court Events
Notice of Transfer or Remand of Proceedings (csd 1201)	Court Events
Notice of Trial (csd 1187)	Court Events
Notice of Withdrawal of Document	Notices
Notice of Withdrawal of Proof of Claim and Deadline to Object to Proposed Withdrawal (csd 1407)	Court Events
Notification to Disregard Prior Notice	Court Events
Notice to Take Deposition	Notices
Notice RE: aka/dba Names	Court Events
Notice Regarding Return of Sealed Document(s) (csd 1462)	Court Events

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Objection to Claims	Claim Actions
Objection to Claim and Notice Thereof (csd 2015)	Claim Actions
Objection to Debtor's Claim of Exemptions Combined with Notice of Hearing (csd 1140)	Claim Actions
Objection to Referral to the BAP	Appeal
Order ~Generic~	Orders/Opinions (Other Orders)
Order Appointing Mediator	Orders/Opinion (Other Orders)
Order and Supplement to Final Report & Account by Trustee	Orders/Opinions (Other Orders)
Order Confirming Sale	Orders/Opinions (Other Orders)

Order Directing Debtor to File Schedules & Statements (csd 1126)	Orders/Opinions (Other Orders)
Order Dismissing Case	Order/Opinions (Other Orders)
Order Dismissing Case For Failure to File Sc7hedule & Statements	Orders/Opinions (Other Orders)
Order Dismissing Case For Failure to Pay Filing Fees	Orders/Opinions (Other Orders)
Order Dismissing Case Without Prejudice for Failure to File Original Decl Re: ECF (csd 1802)	Orders/Opinions (Other Orders)
Order Fixing Date to File Proof of Claims & Notice Thereof	Court Events
Order for Relief	Orders/Opinions (Other Orders)
Order for Relief and Order Directing Debtor to File Schedules & Statement (csd 1127)	Orders/Opinions (Other Orders)
Order for Preliminary Injunction	Orders/Opinions (Other Orders)
Order Referring Case for All Further Proceedings	Orders/Opinions (Other Orders)
Order Setting Last Day to File Claims	Orders/Opinions (Other Orders)
Order to Show Cause	Orders/Opinions (Other Orders)
Order Transferring Venue	Orders/Opinions (Other Orders)
Order Vacating an Order	Orders/Opinions (Other Orders)
Order to Show Cause	Orders/Opinions (Other Orders)
Opposition	Answer/Response

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Proof of Service	Other
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Reaffirmation Agreement (csd 1229)	Other
Request for Miscellaneous Notice (Only Supervisor Use)	Court Events
Request for Notice RE: aka/dba Names	Court Events
Request for Notice of Entry of Order Denying the Discharge of Debtor(s)	Court Events
Request for Notice of Entry of Order Vacating Dismissal of Case	Court Events
Request for Notice of Filing of Case on Transfer from Another District	Court Events
Request for Notification to Disregard Prior Notice	Court Events
Request and Notice of Hearing (csd 1181 & 1184)	Notices
Request for Hearing on Motion for R/S (csd 1186)	Notices

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Schedules	Other
Statement of Financial Affairs	Other
Statement of Issues on Appeal	Appeal
Stipulation	Other

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Transcript	Court Events
Transmittal of Bankruptcy Matters (USDC) (csd 1259)	Court Events
Transmittal of Memorandum (BAP) (csd 1252)	Court Events
Transmittal of Record on Appeal (USDC) (csd 1256)	Court Events

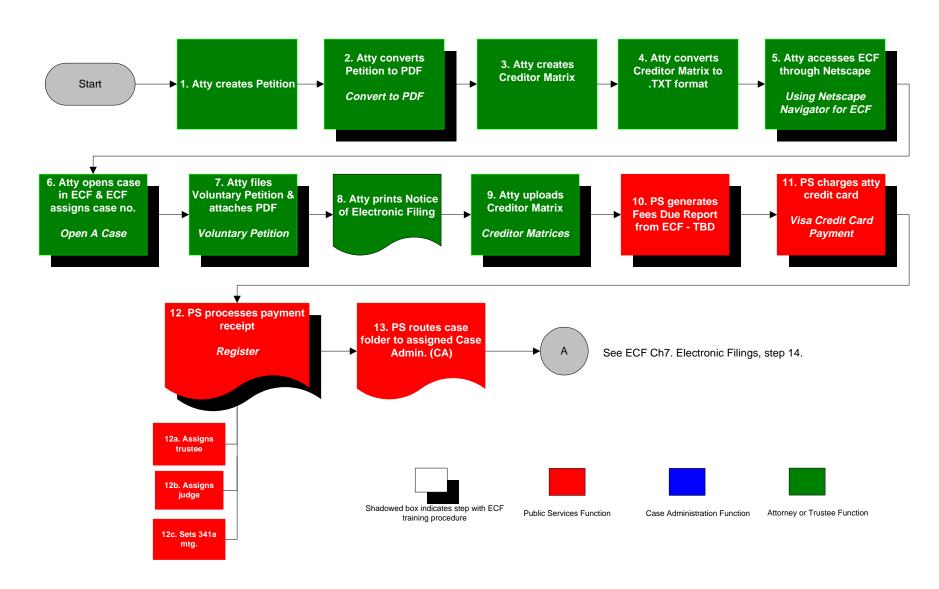
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Transmittal of: (Withdrawal of Reference or Transferred Cases) (csd 1202)	Court Events
Trustee's Final Report & Account	Other
Trustee's Initial Report (csd 2002)	Other
Trustee's Rejection of Appointment	Trustee/US Trustee
Trustee's Report of Inventory	Court Events & Trustee/US Trustee
Trustee's Report of No Distribution (csd 2004)	Other
Trustee's Report of Sale (csd 2024)	Trustee/US Trustee
Trustee's Request for Notice of Proposed Abandonment	Court Events & Trustee/US Trustee
Trustee's Request for Notice of Proposed Auction	Court Events & Trustee/US Trustee
Trustee's Request for Notice of Proposed Public Sale	Court Events & Trustee/US Trustee
Trustee's Request To Set Claims Bar Date	Court Events & Trustee/US Trustee

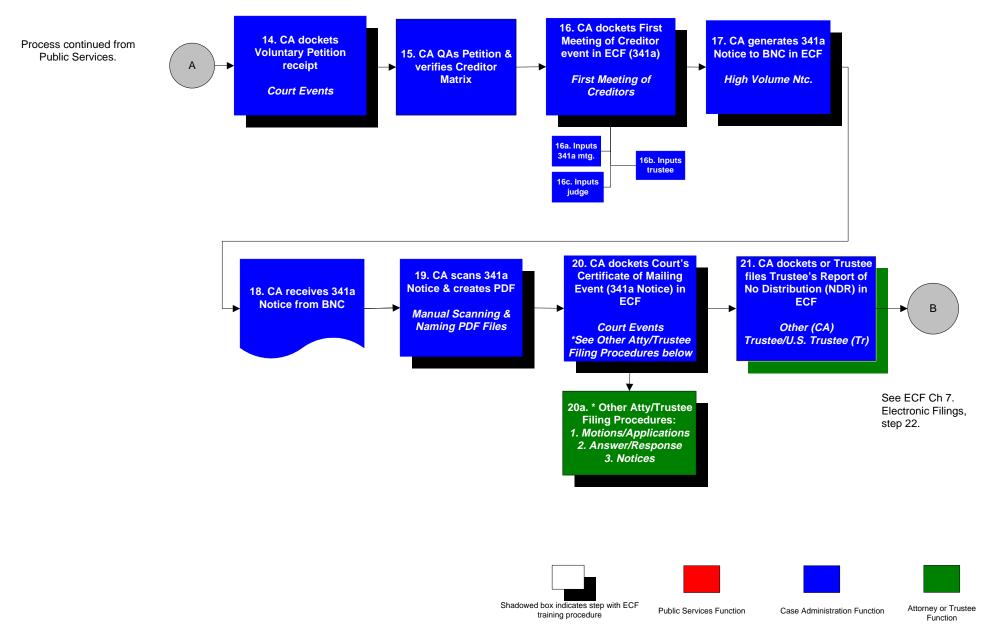
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Withdrawal of Claim Actions

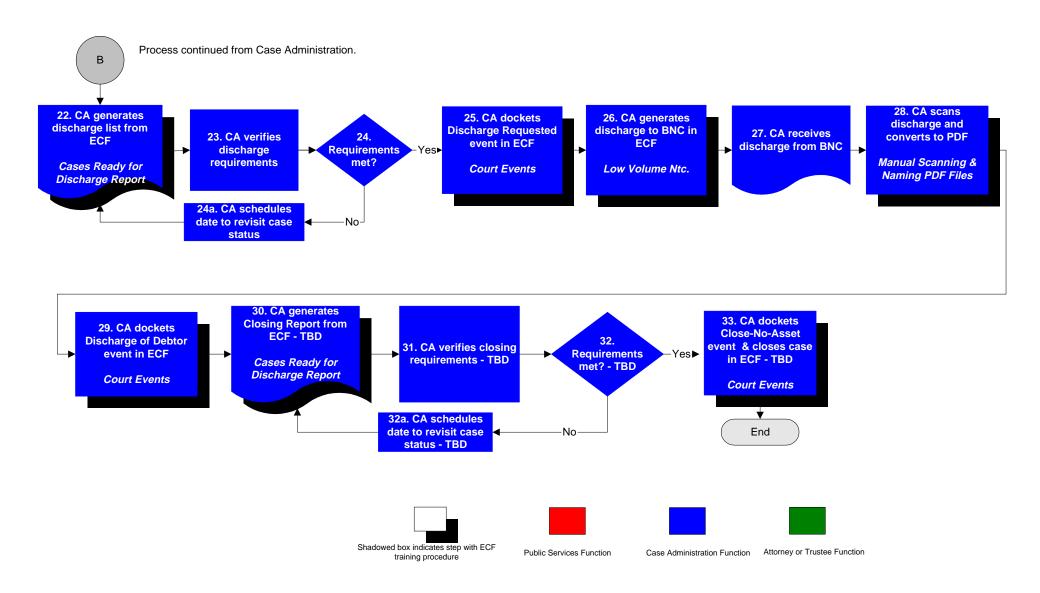
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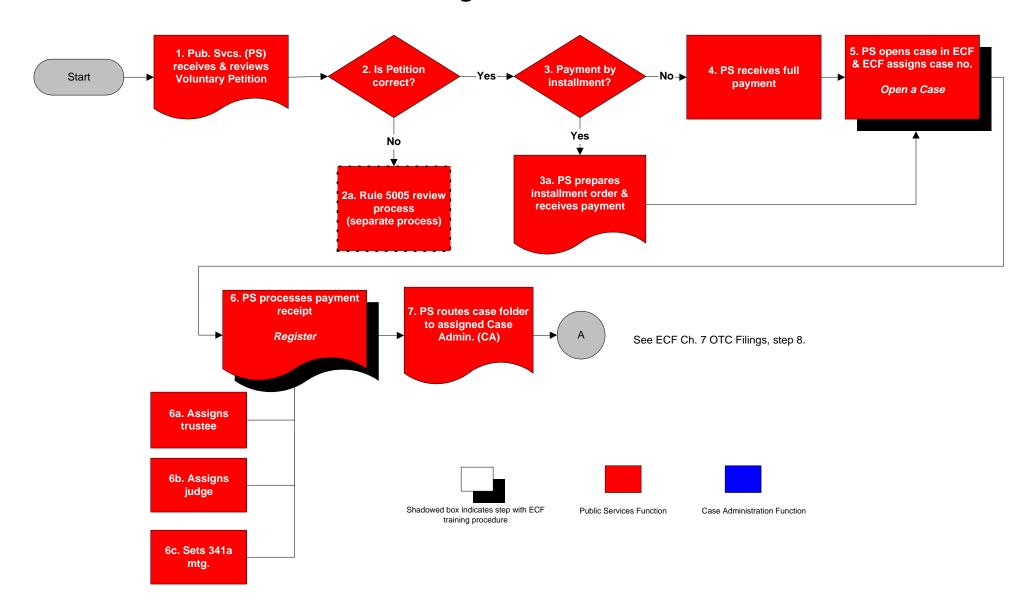
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ECF Chapter 7 <u>Over-the-Counter (OTC)</u> Filings Flowchart

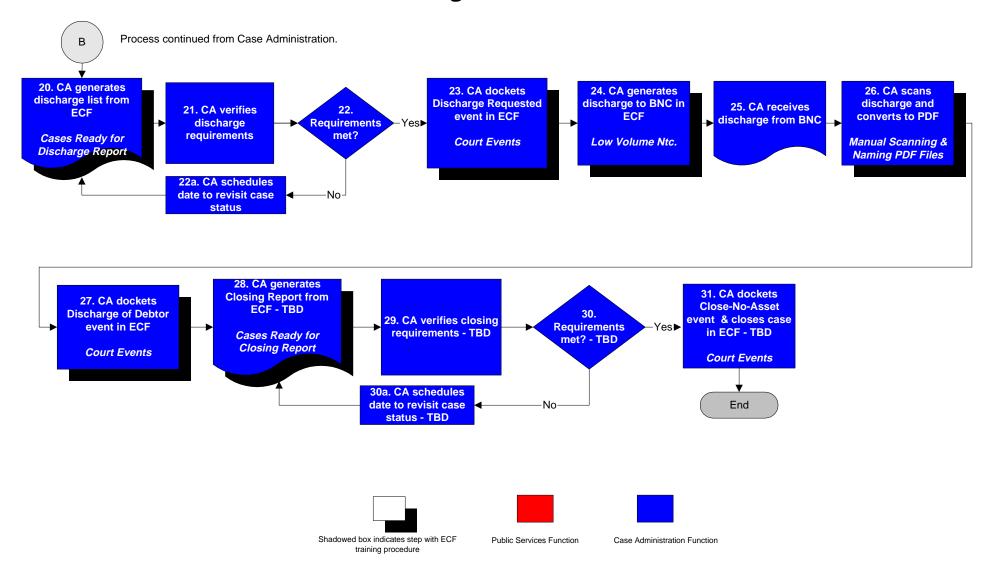


ECF Chapter 7 <u>Over-the-Counter (OTC)</u> Filings Flowchart

Public Services. 9. CA uploads Creditor 12. CA dockets First 8. CA scans petition Matrix (CM) from Diskette, 10. CA dockets Voluntary **Meeting of Creditor** 13. CA generates 341a 11. CA dockets Voluntary and converts to PDF or scans CM **Petition in ECF** Notice to BNC in ECF event in ECF (341a) **Petition Receipt** Manual Scanning & **Creditor Matrices Voluntary Petition** First Meeting of High Volume Ntc. Naming PDF Files **Court Events** Recycle Diskette Creditors 341a mtg. 12b. Inputs trustee 12c. Inputs judge 16. CA dockets Court's 19. CA dockets Trustee's 15. CA scans 341a **Certificate of Mailing** 18. CA scans NDR & 17. CA receives **Report of No Distribution** Notice & creates PDF Event (341a Notice) in converts to PDF 14. CA receives 341a Trustee's Report of No (NDR) event in ECF **ECF Notice from BNC Distribution (NDR)** Manual Scanning & Manual Scanning & **Event** Other **Naming PDF Files Naming PDF Files Court Events** *See Other Procedures below 16a. * Other CA Docketing Procedures: 1. Motions/Applications 2. Notices 3. Answer/Response 4. Orders/Opinions See ECF Ch. 7 OTC 5. Adding Creditors Filings, step 20. 6. Deleting Creditors 7. Modifying Creditors 8. Adversary Open an AP Case 9. Adversary Complaint/Summons 10. Adversary Answer Shadowed box indicates step with ECF Public Services Function Case Administration Function training procedure

Process continued from

ECF Chapter 7 <u>Over-the-Counter (OTC)</u> Filings Flowchart



Using Netscape Navigator for Electronic Case Filing (ECF)

The following instructions will guide you in the basic use of Netscape Navigator for Electronic Case Filing (ECF). Please be aware that these instructions **are not** complete instructions for using Netscape, but they should be sufficient for accessing Netscape and for using it to get to the U. S. Bankruptcy Court - Southern District of California's ECF web site location.

This Table of Contents will show you how these instructions are structured and where to find the section that interests you.

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I. Accessing Netscape Navigator

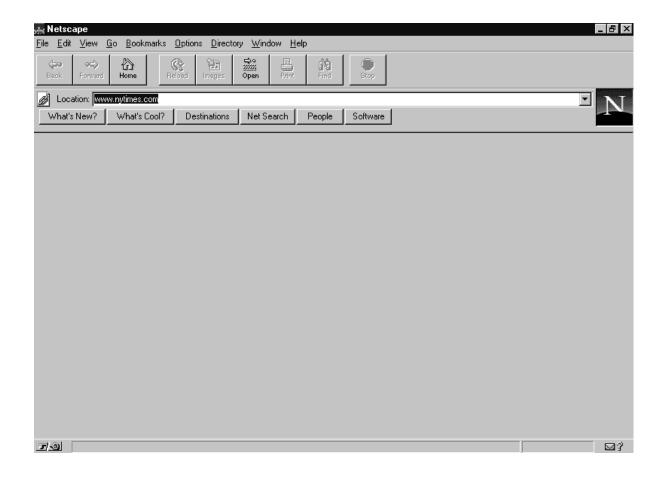
On your PC desktop, you will find the Netscape Navigator icon. It looks like this:



Access Navigator

- ▶ To access Netscape Navigator, double-click on the Netscape Navigator icon on the Windows NT desktop.
- ▶ The Netscape Navigator application opens.

The Netscape Navigator screen looks like this:



II. Accessing the U. S. Bankruptcy Court - Southern District of California Web Site

After you have accessed the Netscape Navigator program by double clicking on the Netscape icon, you must next enter the specific URL address to access the web site for U. S. Bankruptcy Court - California Southern district (USBC-CAS). This specific web site allows you access to the ECF system.

Access USBC ► To access USBC - CAS Web web site, of Site

▶ To access the U.S. Bankruptcy Court - California Southern's web site, click on *Open* on the Netscape Navigator button bar.

▶ The *Open Location* dialog box appears. It looks like this:



▶ Type the following URL address in the *Open Location* dialog box:

http://www.casb.uscourts.gov

Then press <ENTER>, or click on the *Open* button.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court - Southern District of California's web site appears. It look like this:



Welcome to the Home Page for the Southern District of California Bankruptcy Court.

Southern District of California - Document Filing System.

Southern District of California Bankruptcy Court - Document Filing System - Training area.

Public case information.

III. Accessing the ECF System

Access ECF

To access ECF, you must use one of the hyperlinks that appear on the USBC - CAS web site. The hyperlinks appear in blue and looks like this:

Southern District of California - Document Filing System.

Southern District of California Bankruptcy Court - Document Filing System - Training area.

Public case information.

Note for **Trainees**: If you are being trained and wish to access ECF, you will select the hyperlink <u>Southern District of California</u> Bankruptcy Court - Document Filing System - Training area.

Note for **Attorneys** and **Trustees:** If you are an attorney or trustee and wish to access ECF, you will select the hyperlink **Southern District of California - Document Filing System.**

▶ To access ECF, select the appropriate hyperlink and doubleclick on it.

The ECF log-in screen appears. (*Note:* It is the same for both the training hyperlink and the attorney/trustee hyperlink.)

The ECF log-in screen looks like this:

This is a Restricted Web Site . It is for authorized use only. Unauthorized entry is prohibited subject to prosecution under Title 18 of the U.S. Code. All activities and accesses are logged.
Login:
Key:
Submit Clear

IV. Logging In to the ECF System

Logging In to ECF

To access ECF, you must provide your assigned log-in identification number and password.

Important Note: The assigned log-in identification numbers and passwords are specific for each ECF user group. That is, the identification numbers and passwords for use in the training ECF database area *cannot* access the attorney/trustee ECF database area, and vice versa. Separate log-in identification numbers and passwords must be used for each database area.

- At the ECF log-in screen, type your ECF identification in the white *Login* field. Tab down to the white *Key* field. Type your ECF password. Then click on the *Submit* button.
- ▶ The *ECF Main Menu* screen appears. It looks like this:

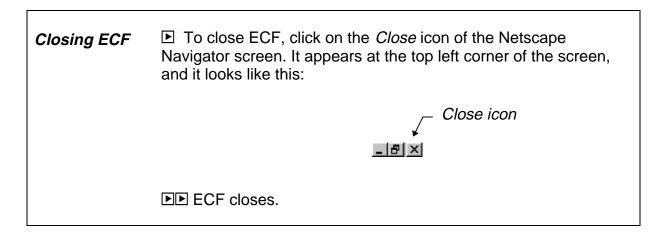


From the ECF Main Menu, you are now ready to work in ECF by double-clicking any of the five blue hypertext links that appear across the top of the Main Menu screen:



V. Closing ECF

Generally, you should stop loading any web pages before closing ECF.



Introduction

Login/password



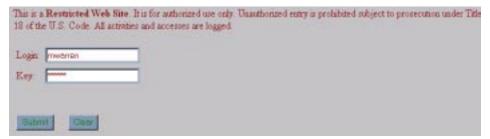
STEP 2 To access the Training Database for Electronic Court Filing, click on the hypertext link, Document Filing System.



Welcome to the Home Page for the Southern District of California Bankruptcy Court

Southern District of California Bankruptcy Court - Document Filing System

STEP 3 The following login/key are necessary to advance into the ECF system.



Login Screen

STEP 4 If you are filing a document in a bankruptcy case, click on <u>Bk Events</u>. If you are filing a document in a an adversary case, click on <u>AP Events</u>.



Menu Type

STEP 5 To docket any document related to categories below, refer to particular section of ECF manual. (e.g., for motion or application, go to Motions/Application section.)



Main Menu

Open a Case

Opening a Case is the starting point of putting a bankruptcy case on the ECF system. During this process you will enter the necessary information regarding the debtor and some basic statistical information. The following instruction will guide you through the Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system for opening a bankruptcy case.

- **STEP 1** Click on Open a Case hypertext link to docket case information.
- **STEP 2** The **Case Data** screen will not all you to enter a case number or the Date Filed.



Figure 1

- ◆ The San Diego Office code (3) is a default field. (See Figure 1)
- ◆ Click on the [**Next**] button.
- STEP 3 The Information Regarding Debtor screen will appear. The following fields are to identify debtors case specifics and should reflect the petition cover sheet. (See Figure 2)

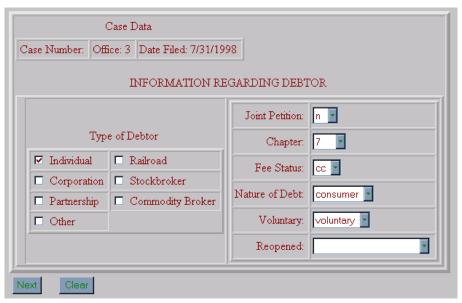


Figure 2

- ◆ To select **Type of Debtor** click inside appropriate box to insert a check mark. (i.e. if debtor is not a business select **Individual**.)
- ◆ If the debtor filing has a joint debtor, click on the ▼ arrow to the right of **Joint Petition** field and select **y** (yes).
- ◆ The **Chapter** field will default to **7**.
- ◆ The **Fee Status** field will default to (**cc**) for credit card. If the fees are received in installments or paid in full, click on the ▼ arrow to the right of Fee Status field and select (**i**) for installments or (**p**) for paid.
- ◆ The **Nature of Debt** field will default to consumer. If the debtor is a business, click on the ▼ arrow to the right of the nature of debt and select (business).
- ◆ If debtor is filing as a business, click on the ▼ arrow to the right of **Type of Business** and select business type.
- ◆ The **Voluntary** field will default to voluntary.
- ◆ Click on the [Next] button to continue.
- STEP 4 The Statistical/Administration Information screen will appear. The following fields will allow you to enter the debtor's asset status. All chapter seven cases begin as a no asset case. For the next three fields, use the petition cover sheet to adjust fields appropriately. (See Figure 3)



Figure 3

- ◆ The **Asset Notice** field will default to *No* for chapter 7's. (No asset cases)
- ◆ The **Estimated Number of Creditors** field defaults to 1, click inside the box to modify number (1 through 6).
- ◆ The **Estimated Assets** field defaults to 1, click inside the box to modify number (1 through 8).
- ◆ The **Estimated Liabilities** field defaults to 1, click inside the box to modify number (1 through 8).
- ◆ Click on the [Next] button to continue.

STEP 5 The Add Party screen will appear. (See Figure 4)

Associate a party with the case

Enter at least the first letter of the last name of the Party and press the Search Button.

Select Party whose last name starts with:

End Party Selection

Figure 4

- a. Enter at least the first letter of the last name of Party and click on the [Search] button. Use a capital letter. (See Figure 4)
- b. If the party you're searching for appears, click on it. The debtor's address will appear to the right, verify address and SSN. (See Figure 5) Verify that the **party role** is *Debtor* (*db:pty*). If debtor does not have an attorney, select the ▼ arrow to the right of **ProSe:** and select yes. Click on the [Next] button and proceed to **Step 5D**.
- c. If you can not find the Party in the system, click on the [Create New Party] button to advance to New Person Information screen, then proceed to Step 6. (See Figure 5)

Note: If the [Create New Party] button does not show, use your scroll bar to the right, to advance screen.

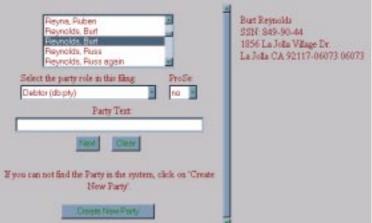


Figure 5

d. The **Modify Address** screen will appear. (See Figure 6)



Figure 6

- ◆ The screen will appear every time you select a debtor that has previously filed a petition.
- ◆ If the address is incorrect, click inside necessary fields to make corrections.
- ◆ Click on the [Submit] button to continue, then proceed to Step 8.
- **STEP 6** The **New Person Information** screen will appear. This screen is designed to accommodate all possible needs of a new person being add to the case. (See Figure 7)

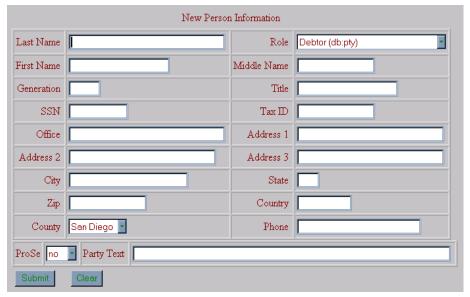


Figure 7

- ◆ Click inside the **Last Name** field to type in debtors name. Use your tab key to advance to next field.
- ◆ Verify that the Role of new person being added is *debtor*.
- ◆ Depending on the debtors information, you may skip the following fields if not applicable. (*Middle Name, Generation, Title, Tax ID, Office and Country*)
- ◆ If debtor does not have an attorney, select the ▼ arrow to the right of Pro Se and select yes. Click on the [Submit] button to continue.
- **STEP 7** Press the [Continue] button to proceed with the processing of selected debtor.
- **STEP 8** The **Create Alias** screen will appear. (See Figure 8)

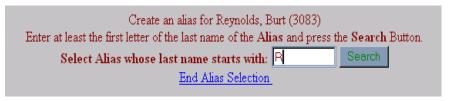


Figure 8

- ◆ If the debtor has no alias listed, click on the hypertext link <u>End Alias Selection</u>, then proceed to **Step 13**.
- ◆ Enter at least the first letter of the last name of the Alias and click on the [Search] button.

◆ If you can not find the Alias in the system, click on the [Create New Alias] button. (See Figure 9).



Figure 9

STEP 9 The New Alias Information screen will appear. (See Figure 10)



Figure 10

- Enter debtor's alias in the fields provided.
- ◆ The default for the role of debtor's alias is aka (Also Known As). Click on the ▼ arrow to select appropriate. Role. (i.e., Doing Business As (dba), Formerly Doing Business As (fdba), Formerly Known As (fka), etc.)
- ◆ Click on the [Submit] button. Repeat process until all alias' have been added.
- **STEP 10** Click on the [Continue] button to continue processing the added alias.
- **STEP 11** To add the joint debtor to the system, repeat **Steps 5-9**.
- **STEP 12** If you have no more Alias' to add, click on the hypertext link End Alias Selection.

STEP 13 The case number will appear stating the case has been opened. To docket the Voluntary Petition, click on <u>Docket Lead Event</u>? (See Figure 11)



Figure 11

Note: ECF cases will begin with the number 3 following the year. (i.e., 98-30030)

TO CONTINUE, FOLLOW JOB AID FOR VOLUNTARY PETITION. Beginning with Step 2.

How to Convert to PDF

Voluntary Petition (Bankruptcy 2000)

Converting a voluntary petition to Portable Document Format (PDF) will assist you when attaching your document when using the Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system.

STEP 1 To access petition software, click on the BK2000 icon. → (See Figure 1)



STEP 2 Enter all necessary information for petitioning debtor(s).

STEP 3 Click on Preview from the Bankruptcy 2000 menu bar. (See Figure 2)

• Click on *Form 1. Voluntary Petition* from the drop down menu to view the Voluntary Petition.



Figure 2

STEP 4 The **Petition** cover page will appear. (See Figure 3)

• Review Petition information before converting to a **pdf** file.



Figure 4

STEP 5 Click on File from the Bankrutpcy 2000 menu bar to select the *Print* option.

- ◆ The **Select Forms to Print** screen will appear. (**See Figure 2**)
- Click on the box to the left of *Chapter 7* under Print full.
- ◆ Click on the [**Print**] button to continue.

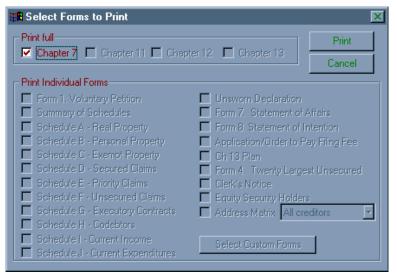


Figure 5

STEP 6 The **Print Dialog Box** will appear. (See Figure 6)

- ♦ Click on the ∇ arrow to the right of the *Name*: field.
- ◆ Click on Acrobat PDFWriter to convert the petition to a *pdf* file.
- ◆ Click on the **[OK]** button to continue.

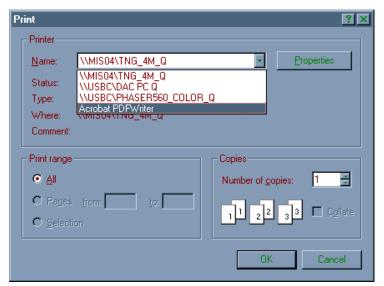


Figure 6

STEP 7 The Save PDF File As screen will appear. (See Figure 7)

- ◆ Rename the *File Name*:(i.e., volp1.pdf)
- ◆ Click on the **[OK]** button to continue.

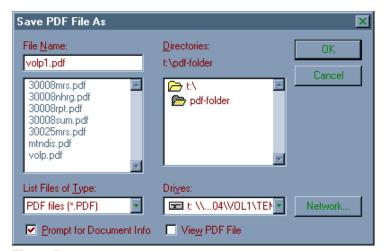
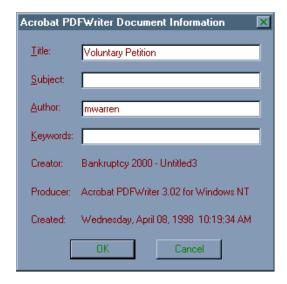


Figure 7

STEP 8 The Abrobat PDFWriter Document Information screen will appear. (See Figure 8)

- ◆ Enter the name of the document being filed. (i.e., Voluntary Petition)
- ◆ Click on the ▼ arrow to the right of the *Drivers*: field to select designated drive for *pdf* files.
- ◆ Click on the **[OK]** button to continue.



The file is now an Adobe PDF file under the newly assigned name, and the original document remains in its original form under the original name.

How to Convert Documents to a PDF File

Conversion of any word processing document to a Portable Document Format (PDF) is required before submission to the court's electronic case filing system. The process can be accomplished in one of two ways depending on the word processing program you are using.

For WordPerfect:

- **STEP 1** Open the document to be converted.
- **STEP 2** Click on the *File* drop down menu to select the *Print* option. The print dialog box will appear.
 - ◆ Select the option to change the selected printer. A drop-down window menu with a list of printer choices is displayed.
- **STEP 3** Select **Adobe PDF Writer 3.x.**
- **STEP 4** Click on the [**Print**] button in the dialog box. The file will not actually print out; instead the option to save the file as a PDF will appear.
- **STEP 5** Name the file, using the naming convention. (See attached) The (.pdf) extension will automatically be added.
- **STEP 6** Accept the option by clicking on the **[OK]** button. The file is converted to a PDF document.

Note: Depending on the word processing being used, it may be necessary to find the printer selection option elsewhere. At that point, change the printer to Adobe PDF Writer.3.x, and following the instructions above.

For Microsoft Word 95 or Later:

- **STEP 1** Open the document to be converted.
- **STEP 2** Click on the *File* drop down menu to select *Create Adobe PDF*.
- **STEP 3** Name the file, using the naming convention. (See attached) The (.pdf) extension will automatically be added.

The file is now an Adobe PDF file under the newly assigned name, and the original document remains in its original form under the original name.

To create a file name:

- A. Use the case number on the pleading, do not include year: Example 10001, 12345, 06976, etc. (Use all five digits of case number.)
- B. Identify the pleading: Example motion, order, voluntary petition, etc. Use letters from the document name, example motion, order, voluntary petition, trustee rejection, etc.
- C. Combine A and B to create the file name: Example 10001m, 12345o, 06976vp, etc.

NOTE: *If you have more than one of the same type of pleading for the same case, process A - C, but add a number to identify the first, second, third, etc. Example - 10001m1, 10001m2, 10001m3, etc.

*If a pleading is not listed on the **Naming Pdf Files List** (see below), create a PDF filename by processing A - C.

ECF Dictionary:

Naming PDF Files List

Applications a			Motion	<u>s</u>	m	
<u>Notices</u> n			Orders		0	
<u>Other</u>			Answei	r/Response		
Certificate of Service	cs		Answer	to Invol. Petition		aip
Certificate of Mailing	cm		Declara	tion	(dc
Petition	vp		Memora	andum of Points		
Adversary	ad		And A	uthorities	1	pa
Summons	sm		Opposit	tion/Objection	(op
Interrogatories	int		Respon	se/Reply	1	r
Reaffirmation Agreement	ra					
Schedules	sc		Trustee	e/U.S. Trustee		
Stipulation	stp		Notice of	of Intent to Dist.	1	nid
Objection to Claim	oc		Order a	nd Supplement		
Acknowledgment of			To Fina	al Rpt and Acct	(ofr
Transfer	at		Final R	eport and Account	1	fra
Withdrawal of Claim	wc		Trustee	's Rejection	1	trj
Disclosure Statement	ds		Report of Sale		5	sr
Exhibit	ex					
Amendments	as		Appeal			
Notice to Creditors	nc					
		Counter Designation	cd	Notice of Appeal	. 1	nap
		Designation of Content	dc	Statement of Issu	es	
		District Court Rule 9		on Appeal	5	sia
		Statement	der	Transcript	1	ts
		Memorandum of BAP	bap	Transmission of I	Record	
		Motion to Leave to		of Appeal	1	tra
		Appeal	mla			

Voluntary Petition

The Voluntary Petition is the beginning of a bankruptcy. The following instruction will guide you through the Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system for docketing the voluntary petition.

- **STEP 1** Click on Other hypertext link from the ECF main menu.
- STEP 2 The Case Number screen will appear. (See Figure 1)

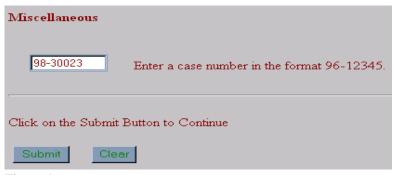


Figure 1

- ◆ Enter a case number, and click on the [Submit] button to continue.
- ◆ If the computer prompts that you entered an invalid case number, click on Back hypertext link to re-enter the case number.
- STEP 3 The Case Verification screen will appear. (See Figure 2)



Figure 2

- ◆ Verify the case number and case name.
- ◆ If case number and name do not match, click on the Netscape **Back** button to re-enter the case number.
- ◆ Click on the [**Submit**] button to continue.

STEP 4 The **Party Filer** screen will appear. (See Figure 3)



Figure 3

- ◆ Select the party the attorney represents, then click on the [Submit] button to continue.
- ◆ If more than one debtor, press and hold the ctrl key, then click on the appropriate debtor(s).

STEP 5 The **Event Type** screen will appear. (See Figure 4)

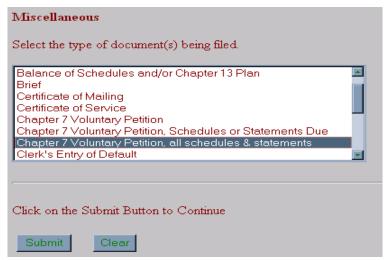


Figure 4

- ◆ Verify the Voluntary Petition to determine which event is appropriate.
 - Chapter 7 Voluntary Petition (fee) bare bones
 - Chapter 7 Voluntary Petition, Schedules or Statements Due (fee)
 - Chapter 7 Voluntary Petition, all schedules & statements (fee)
- ◆ Click on the [**Submit**] button to continue.

STEP 6 The Pdf Attachment screen will appear. (See Figure 5)

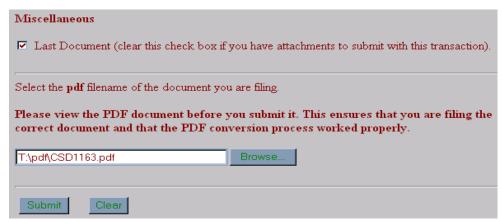


Figure 5

- If there are supporting documents, click on the box next to the words **Last Document**, to remove check mark.
- ◆ Select the *pdf* filename of the document you are filing by using the following methods:
 - 1. Enter the full filename of the document to be filed in the text box; or
 - 2. Click on the [**Browse...**] button to navigate to the appropriate directory and file to select the document.
 - a. Click on ▼ arrow to the right of Look in: to select Temp on 'Mis05\vol1' (T:). Use scroll bar
 - b. Double click on folder titled **pdf**. (Use scroll bar.)
 - c. Click on ▼ arrow to the right of Files of type: to select **Acrobat** (*.pdf).
 - d. Highlight the PDF file with one right click of the mouse.
 - e. Select **open** on the menu with right click; to brings up the document for viewing and verification.
 - f. Close document with clicking on "X" in the upper right-hand corner.
 - g. Click on the **[Open]** button to insert the filename in the text box.
 - h. Click on the [Submit] button, If there are no supporting documents, proceed to Step 8.

STEP 7 The **Attachment** screen will appear. (See Figure 6)



Figure 6

- ◆ Click on the ▼ arrow and click on the type of attachment.
- ◆ To describe the supporting document, click inside the Description box and type in description.
- ◆ For more than one supporting document, click on the box next to **Last Document** to remove the check mark.
- ◆ Type in full file name of the first supporting document, or use the [Browse...] button, repeat Step 6. 2(c-h).
- ◆ If last attachment, click on the [Submit] button.

STEP 8 The **Data Element** screen will appear. (See Figure 7)

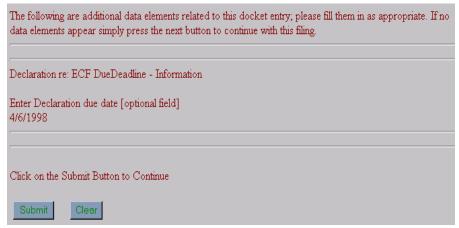


Figure 7

- ◆ The following are additional data elements related to this docket entry. Prepare Declaration re: ECF Due Deadline information. File Declaration at Courthouse.
- ◆ Click on the [**Submit**] button to continue.

STEP 9 The **Modify Text** screen will appear. (See Figure 8)

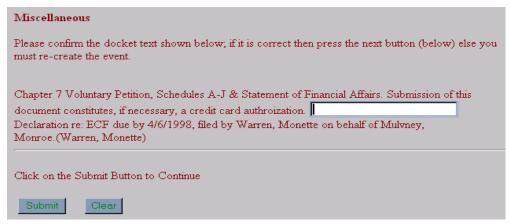


Figure 8

- ◆ To further define the petition, click inside free text box and enter any pertinent information.
- ◆ Click on the [**Submit**] button to continue.

STEP 10 The **Final Approval** screen will appear. (See Figure 9)

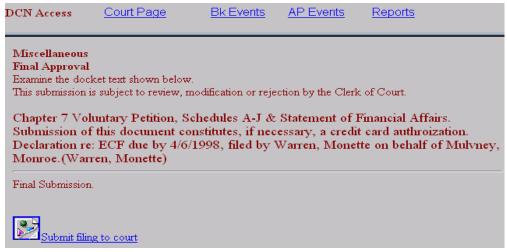


Figure 9

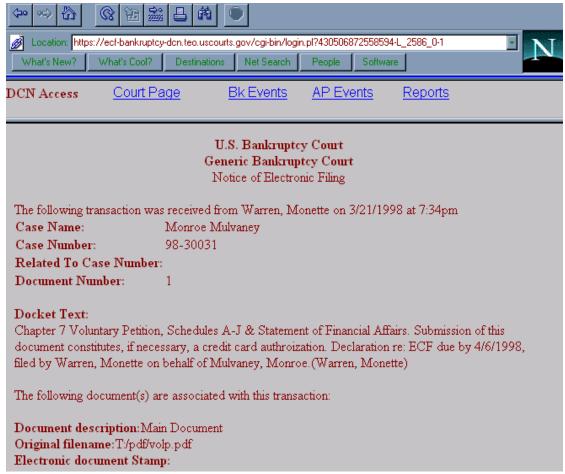
- ◆ Verify Final Docket text.
- ◆ If final docket text is correct, proceed to **Step 11**.
- ◆ If final docket text is incorrect, to modify a previous screen, click on the **Back** button at the top of the Netscape screen to find the screen to be modified.
- ◆ To abort or restart the transaction, click on Bk Events.

STEP 11 Click on <u>Submit filing to court.</u>

STEP 12 Click on the [**Print**] button at the upper left-hand corner of the Netscape screen to print out the Notice of Electronic Filing.

The Notice of Electronic Filing will appear each time you submit a filing to the court through the ECF System. Each notice will include the following:

- ♦ Who filed the document:
- ◆ Date and Time:
- ◆ Case Name:
- ◆ Case Number:
- ◆ Document Number:
- ♦ Docket Text:
- ◆ Document Description:
- lacktriangle Original filename (pdf):
- ◆ Electronic document Stamp:



Notice of Electronic Filing

Upload Creditor Matrices into the ECF System

A creditor matrix contains creditor information, such as the name of the creditor and their mailing address. This information is used for noticing, and claims information, when applicable. The following instructions will guide you to upload the creditor information (.txt file) to the Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system.

- **STEP 1** Create the creditor matrix and save the file into a .txt file.
- **STEP 2** Access the ECF system using Netscape.
- STEP 3 Click on <u>Bk Events</u> . (See Figure 1)



Figure 1

STEP 4 Click on <u>Creditor Maintenance</u> hypertext link from the ECF main menu to attach the creditor matrix to the related bankruptcy case. (See Figure 2)



Main Menu

STEP 5 The **Creditor Processing** screen will appear. (See Figure 3)



Figure 3

◆ Click on <u>Upload a creditor Matrix</u> hypertext link.

STEP 6 The Upload a File screen will appear. (See Figure 4)

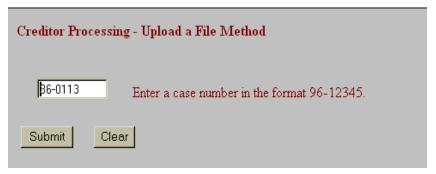


Figure 4

- Enter the case number.
- ◆ Click on the [**Submit**] button to continue.

STEP 7 The **Load Creditor Information** screen will appear. (See Figure 5)

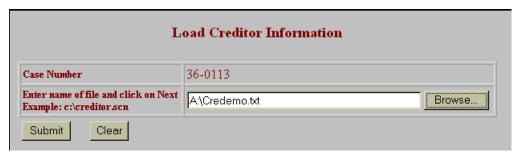


Figure 5

- ◆ Select the document filename of the creditor matrix by using one of the following methods:
 - 1. Enter the full filename of the creditor matrix in the space provided; or
 - 2. Click on the [**Browser...**] button to navigate to the appropriate directory and select the matrix (*.txt*).
 - a. Double click on the matrix filename.
 - b. Highlight the Text (.txt) file with one right click of the mouse button.
 - c. Select **Open** on the drop down menu with left click, for viewing and verification.
 - d. Count the creditors on the matrix for a total of creditors for comparison in **Step 8**.
 - e. Close the matrix by clicking on "X" in the upper right-hand corner.
 - f. Click on the **[Open]** button to attach the matrix to the bankruptcy case.
 - g. Click on the [Submit] button to continue.

NOTE: When opening a .txt file for the first time on your PC, select the application in which the .txt file will be read.

STEP 8 The Total Creditors Entered screen will appear. (See Figure 6)



Figure 6

- ◆ Verify the creditor count information.
- ◆ If correct, Click on the [Commit] button. Proceed to Step 9.
- ◆ If incorrect, Click on <u>Back</u> hypertext link to return to the previous screen. (See Figure 7) Then, Click on to return to main menu hypertext link. This will return you to **Step 3**. (Example: creditors on wrong case number.)

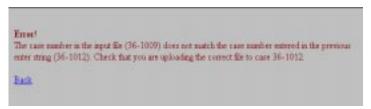


Figure 7

STEP 9 The **Creditor Receipt** screen will appear. (See Figure 8)



Figure 8

◆ Creditors are now attached to the bankruptcy case.

NOTE: Continue to repeat **Steps 1 - 9** for each creditor matrix to a bankruptcy case.

Motions/Applications

Motions or Applications are pleadings requesting the court to order and rule in favor of the applicant. The following instruction will guide you through the process for any motions or applications.

- STEP 1 Click on <u>Motions/Applications</u> hypertext link to docket related motions or applications.
- STEP 2 The Case Number screen will appear. (See Figure 1)

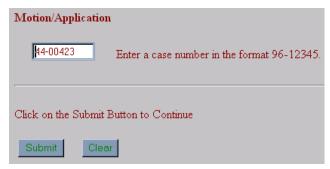


Figure 1

- ◆ Enter a case number, and click on the [Submit] button to continue.
- ◆ If the computer prompts that you entered an invalid case number, click on **Back** hypertext link to re-enter.
- STEP 3 The Case Verification screen will appear. (See Figure 2)



Figure 2

- ◆ Verify that the case number and case name.
- ◆ If case number and name do not match, click on the Netscape **Back** button to re-enter.
- ◆ Click on the [**Submit**] button to continue.

STEP 4 The Party Filer screen will appear. (See Figure 3)



Figure 3

- ◆ Select from the following list the party for whom you are filing the document. Click on the down ▼ arrow to the right of the box to scroll through the list.
- ◆ If the party you're searching for appears, click on it. Then click the [Submit] button to continue and proceed to Step 9.
- ◆ If the party does not appear, click on Add/create new party hypertext link.

STEP 5 The Add Party Screen will appear. (See Figure 4)

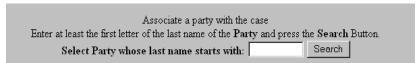


Figure 4

◆ Enter at least the first letter of the last name of the party and click on the [Search] button

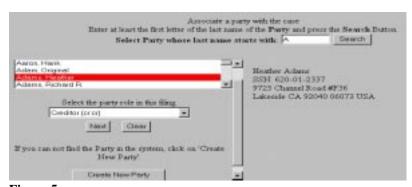


Figure 5

- a. Click on the down ▼ arrow to the right of the box to scroll through the list. (See Figure 5).
- b. If the party you're searching for appears, click on it. The party name and address will appear to the right, verify the address.
- c. Click on the down ▼ arrow to the right of the party role box and scroll through the list to select the title role of the party (i.e. Debtor, Creditor). Then click the [Next] button.

d. The **Modify Address** screen will appear. (See Figure 6)

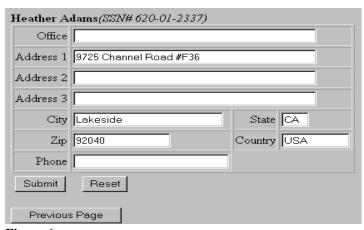


Figure 6

- ◆ This screen will appear every time you select a party that exists or has been added to the system
- ◆ If the address is incorrect, click inside the necessary field to make the correction.
- ◆ Click on the [Submit] button to continue and proceed to Step 8.
- e. If you cannot find the party in the ECF system, click on the [Create New Party] button.
- f. The **New Person Information** screen will appear. (See Figure 7)



Figure 7

- ◆ Enter the party information in appropriate fields. Use the *Last Name* field for last name or full business name, press the tab key to advance to the *Role* field, and click on the ▼ arrow to the right of the box to select new persons role, (i.e., Creditor (cr:cr), then press the tab key to advance to the *First Name* field and enter first name. *Note: Bypass all other fields*.
- ◆ Click on the [**Submit**] button to continue.

STEP 7 Press the [Continue] button to proceed with the processing.

STEP 8 The **Party Filer** screen will appear. (See Figure 8)

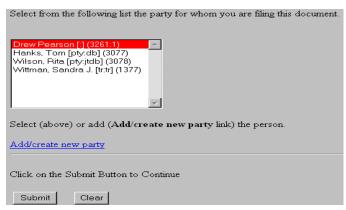


Figure 8

- ◆ Select from the following list the party for whom you are filing the document.
- ◆ Click on the [Submit] button to continue.

STEP 9 The **Document Type** screen will appear. (See Figure 9)

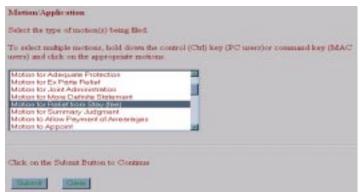


Figure 9

Use the ▲▼ arrows to the right of the white box to find the type of motion or application to be filed, click on it, then click on the [Submit] button to continue. (See Figure 4)

- ◆ If mutiple Motions or Applications are being filed, press and hold the ctrl key, and click the appropriate Motions/Applications.
- ◆ Click on the [Submit] button to continue.

STEP 10 The Pdf Attachment screen will appear. (See Figure 10)

◆ If there are supporting documents, click on the box next to the words **Last Document**, to remove check mark.



Figure 10

- ◆ Select the *pdf* filename of the document you are filing by using the following methods:
 - 1. Enter the full filename of the document to be filed in the text box; or
 - 2. Click on the [**Browse...**] button to navigate to the appropriate directory and file to select the document.
 - a. Click on the ▼ arrow to the right of Look in: to select Temp on 'Mis05\Vol1'(T).
 - b. Double click on folder titled **pdf**.
 - c. Click on the ▼ arrow to the right of Files of type: to select **Acrobat** (*.pdf).
 - d. Highlight the *pdf* file with one right click of the mouse.
 - e. Select **open** on the menu with one right click to bring up the document for viewing and verification.
 - f. Close document with clicking on "X" in the upper right-hand corner.
 - g. Click on the [Open] button to insert filename in the text box.
 - h. Click on the [Submit] button. If no supporting documents, proceed to Step 12.

STEP 11 The **Attachment** screen will appear. (See Figure 11)



Figure 11

- ◆ Click on the ▼ arrow and click on the type of attachment.
- ◆ To describe the supporting document, click in the description box and type in the description.
- ◆ For more than one supporting document, click on the box next to the Last Document to remove the check mark.
- ◆ Type in the full filename of the first supporting document, or use the [Browse...] button, repeat Steps 10,2(c-h).
- ◆ If last attachment, click on the [Submit] button to continue.

STEP 12 The Data Element screen will appear. (See Figure 12)

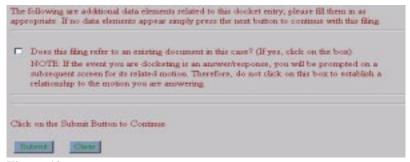


Figure 12

- ◆ If the document refers to an existing document, click inside the box to insert a check mark. This will allow you to link this document to a previously entered document.
- ◆ Click on the [**Submit**] button to continue.

STEP 13 The Modify Text screen will appear. (See Figure 13)

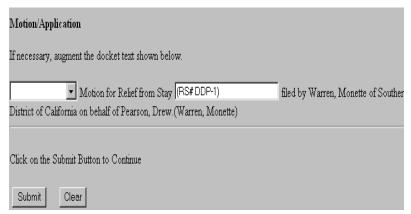


Figure 13

- ♦ To further define the document, click on the ∇ arrow to the right of the first box. (*i.e.*, Amended, Ex Parte, etc.).
- ◆ The second box is used to enter free text; (i.e., RS # DDP-1). Enter additional text as needed.
- ◆ Click on the [**Submit**] button to continue.

STEP 14 The Final Approval screen will appear. (See Figure 14)



Figure 14

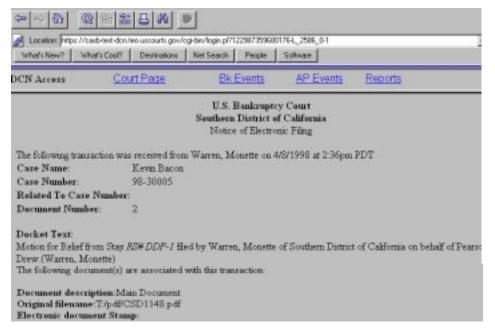
- ◆ Verify Final docket text.
- ◆ If final docket text is correct, proceed to Step 15.
- ◆ If final docket text is incorrect, to modify a previous screen, click on the Netscape Back button to find the screen to be modified.
- ◆ To abort or restart the transaction, click on <u>Bk Events</u>.

STEP 15 Click on <u>Submit filing to court</u>.

STEP 16 Click on the [Print] button at the upper left-hand corner of the Netscape screen to print out the Notice of Electronic Filing.

The Notice of Electronic Filing will appear each time you submit a filing to the court through the ECF System. Each notice will include the following:

- ◆ Who filed the document:
- ◆ Date and Time:
- ◆ Case Name:
- **♦** Case Number:
- ◆ Document Number:
- ◆ Docket Text:
- ◆ Document Description:
- lacktriangle Original filename (pdf):
- ◆ Electronic document Stamp:



Notice of Electronic Filing

Answer/Response

An answer/response is a formal written statement presented by the parties in a case which form the basis for the lawsuit and define the issues. The following instructions will guide you through the Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system for Answer/Response documents.

- STEP 1 Click on <u>Answer/Response</u> hypertext link from the ECF main menu.
- **STEP 2** Click on Other Answers hypertext link to continue. (See Figure 1)



Figure 1

STEP 3 The **Case Number** screen will appear. (See Figure 2)

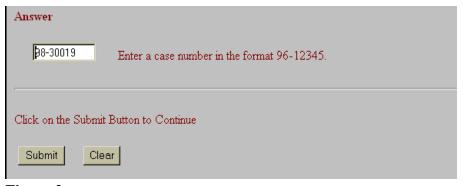


Figure 2

- ◆ Enter the case number, and click on the [Submit] button to continue.
- ◆ If the computer prompts that you have entered an invalid case number, click on the Back hypertext link to re-enter the case number.

STEP 4 The Case Verification screen will appear. (See Figure 3)



Figure 3

- Verify the case number and case name.
- ◆ If case number and name do not match, click on the Netscape **Back** button to reenter the case number.
- ◆ Click on the [**Submit**] button to continue.

STEP 5 The Party Filer screen will appear. (See Figure 4)



Figure 4

- ◆ Click on the down ▼ arrow to the right of the box to scroll through the party list.
- ◆ Click on the attorney name as filing the document. Click on the [Submit] button, proceed to Step 10.
- ◆ If the party is not listed, click on the <u>Add/create new party</u> hypertext link, proceed to **Step 6**.

STEP 6 The **Add Attorney** screen will appear. (See Figure 5)

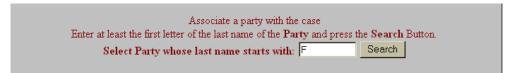


Figure 5

a. Enter at least the first letter of the last name of the Party and click on the **[Search]** button.



Figure 6

- b. If the party you are searching for appears, click on it. The party's address will appear to the right, verify address. (See Figure 6) Verify the party role is identified; i.e., *Creditor* (*cr:cr*). Click on the [Next] button and proceed to Step 6d.
- c. If you can not find the party in the system, click on the [Create New Party] button, proceed to Step 7.

d. The **Modify Address** screen will appear. (See Figure 7)



Figure 7

- ◆ This screen will appear every time you select a party that exists or has been added to the system.
- ◆ If the address is incorrect, click inside necessary fields to make corrections.
- ◆ Click on the [Submit] button to continue, proceed to Step 9.

STEP 7 The **New Person Information** screen will appear. (**See Figure 8**) This screen is designed to accommodate all possible information of a new person being added to the case.

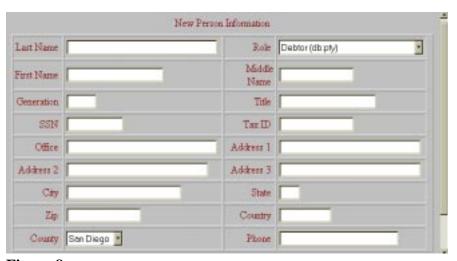


Figure 8

◆ Enter the party information, and click on the [Submit] button to continue. *Note: Omit fields that do not apply.(i.e., Generation, Title, Tax ID, Office, etc.)*

STEP 8 Click on the [Continue] button to continue processing.

STEP 9 The **Party Filer** screen will appear. (See Figure 9)

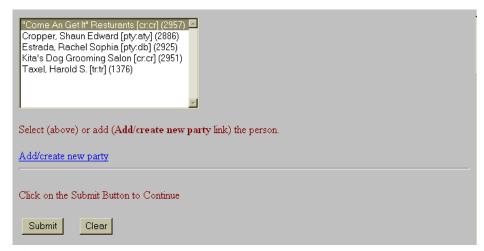


Figure 9

- ◆ Click on the down ▼ arrow to the right of the box to scroll through the party list.
- ◆ If more than one party, press and hold *ctrl* key, then click on the appropriate parties.
- ◆ Click on the [**Submit**] button to continue.

STEP 10 The Answer Type screen will appear. (See Figure 10)



Figure 10

- ◆ Click on the ▼ arrow to the right of the box to scroll through the type of answer being filed. (Example: Response, Declaration, Opposition, etc.)
- ◆ Click to select the document being filed.
- ◆ Click on the [**Submit**] button to continue.

STEP 11 The Pdf Attachment screen will appear. (See Figure 11)



Figure 11

- ◆ If there are supporting documents, click on the box next to the words **Last Document**, to remove check mark.
- ◆ Select the *pdf* filename of the document you are filing by using the following methods:
 - 1. Enter the full filename of the document to be filed in the text box; or
 - 2. Click on the [**Browse...**] button to navigate to the appropriate directory and file to select the document.
 - a. Click on ▼ arrow to the right of Look in: to select Temp on Mis05\vol1' (T:).
 - b. Double click on the folder titled **pdf**. (Use scroll bar)
 - c. Click on ▼ arrow to the right of Files of type: to select **Acrobat** (*.pdf).
 - d. Highlight the PDF file with one right click of the mouse.
 - c. Select **Open** on the menu with one right click, this will bring the document for viewing and verification.
 - f. Close the document by clicking on "X" in the upper right-hand corner.
 - g. Click on the [Open] button to insert name in the text box.
 - h. Click on the [Submit] button to continue. If no supporting documents, proceed to Step 13.

STEP 12 The **Attachment** screen will appear. (See Figure 12)



Figure 12

- lacktriangle Click on the ∇ arrow and click on the type of attachment.
- ◆ To describe the supporting document, click in the Description box and type in description.
- ◆ For more than one supporting document, click on the box next to Last Document to remove the check mark.
- ◆ Type in full file name of the first supporting document, or use the [Browser...] button, repeat Step 11, 2(c-h).
- ◆ If last attachment, click on the [Submit] button to continue.

STEP 13 The Data Element screen will appear. (See Figure 13)



Figure 13

- ◆ Click to place a check mark next to "Does this filing refer to an existing document in this case?"
- ◆ Click on the [Submit] button to continue. If this does not refer to an existing document, proceed to Step 16.

STEP 14 The Category Type screen will appear. (See Figure 14)



Figure 14

- ◆ Click on the category which your document refers.
- ◆ If multiple categories, press and hold the *ctrl* key and click on the appropriate categories.
- ◆ Click on the [**Submit**] button to continue.

STEP 15 The Document List screen will appear. (See Figure 15)

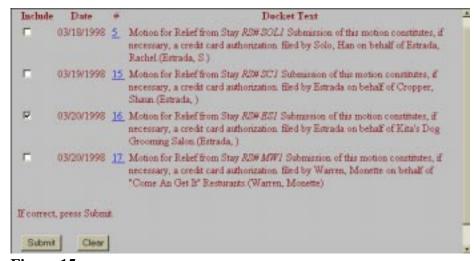


Figure 15

- ◆ Click to place a check mark on the appropriate document for this answer/response being filed.
- ◆ Click on the [**Submit**] button to continue.

STEP 16 The Modify Text screen will appear. (See Figure 16)



Figure 16

- ◆ Verify the docket text.
- ◆ Click on the down ▼ arrow to the right of the drop down list box to scroll to select if document is an Alias, Amended, ExParte, etc.
- Enter pertinent information in the second text box, when applicable.
- ◆ Click on the [**Submit**] button to continue.

STEP 17 The **Final Approval** screen will appear. (See Figure 17)

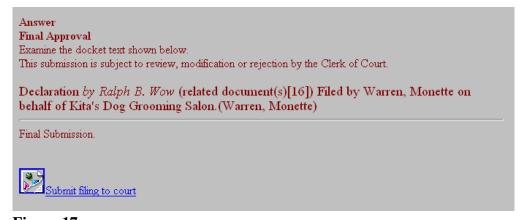


Figure 17

- ◆ Verify the Final Docket Text.
- ◆ If final docket text is correct, proceed to **Step 18**.
- ◆ If final docket text is incorrect, to modify a previous screen, click on the **Back** button at the top of the Netscape screen to find the screen to be modified.
- ◆ To abort or restart the transaction, click on the <u>Bk Events</u>.

STEP 18 Click on the hypertext link <u>Submit filing to court.</u>

• Click on the **Print** icon at the top of the Netscape screen to print out *Notice of* Electronic Filing.

The **Notice of Electronic Filing** will appear each time you submit a filing to the court through the ECF system. Each notice will include the following:

- ♦ Who filed the document:
- ◆ Date and Time:
- ◆ Case Name:
- ◆ Case Number:
- ◆ Document Number:
- ◆ Docket Text:
- ◆ Document Description:
- lacktriangle Original filename (*pdf*):
- ◆ Electronic Document Stamp:

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Generic Bankruptcy Court Notice of Electronic Filing

The following transaction was received from Warren, Monette on 4/1/1998 at 4:49pm

Case Name: Rachel Sophia Estrada Case Number: 98-30019-A

Related To Case Number: Document Number:

Docket Text:

Declaration (related document(s)[16]) Filed by Warren, Monette on behalf of Kita's Dog Grooming Salon. (Warren, Monette)

The following document(s) are associated with this transaction:

Document description: Main Document Original filename: T:/pdfpractice/petition.pdf Electronic document Stamp:

Notice of Electronic Filing

Notices

Notices are information concerning a fact, to direct positive knowledge of fact in question or information sufficient to put a prudent person on inquiry as to such fact. The following instruction will guide you through the Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system for any notices.

In order to enter a hearing date/time/location you must obtain prior approval from the presiding judge. Contact the Courtroom Deputy for Judge assigned.

- **STEP 1** Click on Notices hypertext link from the ECF main menu.
- **STEP 2** The **Case Number** screen will appear. (See Figure 1)

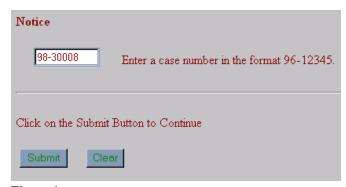


Figure 1

- ◆ Enter a case number, and click on the [Submit] button to continue.
- ◆ If the computer prompts that you entered an invalid case number, click on <u>Back</u> hypertext link to re-enter.

STEP 3 The **Case Verification** screen will appear. (See Figure 2)



Figure 2

- Verify the case number and case name.
- ◆ If case number and name do not match, click on the Netscape **Back** button to re-enter.
- ◆ Click the [**Submit**] button to continue.

STEP 4 The Party Filer screen will appear. (See Figure 3)



Figure 3

- ◆ Click on the ▼ arrow to the right of the box to scroll through the list.
- ◆ Click on the party filing the document. Click on the [Submit] button, proceed to Step 9.
- ◆ If the name does not appear, click on the <u>Add/create new party</u> hypertext link.

STEP 5 The Add Party screen will appear. (See Figure 4)



Figure 4

- a. Enter a least the first letter of the last name of the Party and click on the **[Search]** button.
- b. If the party you're searching for appears, click on it. The party's address will appear to the right if debtor, verify address and SSN, if applicable. (See Figure 5) Verify the party role is identified; i.e., *Creditor* (*cr:cr*). Click on the [Next] button and proceed to Step 5d.
- c. If you can not find the party in the system, click on the [Create New Party] button, proceed to Step 6.



Figure 5

d. The Modify Address screen will appear. (See Figure 6)



Figure 6

- ◆ This screen will appear every time you select a party that exists or has been add to the system.
- ◆ If the address is incorrect, click inside necessary fields to make corrections.
- ◆ Click on the [Submit] button to continue, proceed to Step 9.

Step 6 The **New Person Information** screen will appear. (See Figure 7)



Figure 7

- ◆ Enter the party information and click on the [Submit] button to continue. *Note: Omit fields that do not apply. (i.e., generation, Title, Tax ID, Office, etc.)*
- **STEP 7** Click on the [Continue] button to continue processing.

STEP 8 The **Party Filer** screen will appear. (See Figure 8)

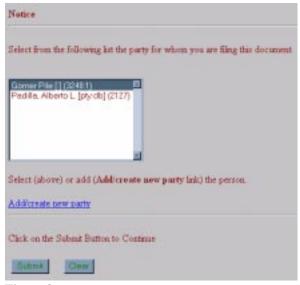


Figure 8

- ◆ Click on the ▼ arrow to the right of the box to scroll through party list.
- ◆ If more than one party, press and hold the *ctrl* key, then click on the appropriate parties.
- ◆ Click on the [Submit] button to continue.

STEP 9 The **Event Type** screen will appear. (See Figure 9)

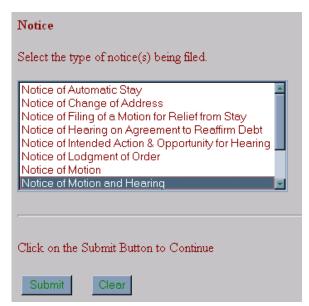


Figure 9

- ◆ Use the ▼ arrow to the right of the box to scroll through the event list to select the document being filed.
- ◆ Click on the [**Submit**] button to continue.

STEP 10 The Pdf Attachment screen will appear. (See Figure 10)



Figure 10

- ◆ If there are supporting documents, click on the box next to the words Last Document, to remove the check mark.
- ◆ Select the *pdf* filename of the document you are filing by using the following methods:
 - 1. Enter the full filename of the document to be filed in the space provided; or
 - 2. Click on the [**Browse...**] button to navigate to the appropriate directory and file to select the document.
 - a. Click on the ▼ arrow to the right of *Look in:* to select **Temp on** 'Mis05\Vol1'(T).
 - b. Double click on folder titled **pdf**.
 - c. Click on the ∇ arrow to the right of *Files of type*: to select **Acrobat** (.pdf*)
 - d. Highlight the pdf file with one right click of the mouse.

- e. Select **Open** from the drop down menu with one right click, this will bring up the document for viewing and verification.
- f. Close the document by clicking on "X" in the upper right-hand corner.
- g. Click on the [Open] button to insert the filename in the text box.
- h. Click on the [Submit] button to continue. If there are no supporting documents, proceed to Step 12.

STEP 11 The Attachment screen will appear. (See Figure 11)



Figure 11

- lacklosh Click on the lacklosh arrow to the right of *Type of attachment* and click on the type of attachment.
- ◆ To describe the supporting document, click inside the *Description* box and type description.
- ◆ For more than one supporting document, click on the box next to **Last Document** to remove the check mark.
- ◆ Type in full filename of the first supporting document, or use the [Browse...] button, repeat Step 10, 2(c-h).
- ◆ If last attachment, click on the [Submit] button to continue.

STEP 12 The Data Element screen will appear. (See Figure 12)

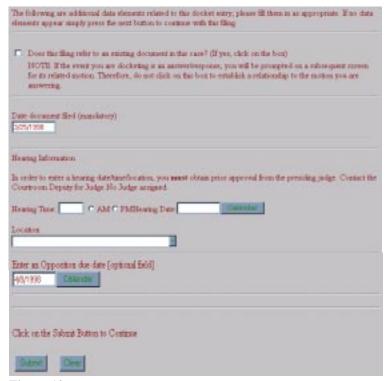


Figure 12

- ◆ The following are additional data elements related to this docket entry, fill in as appropriate.
- ◆ If this filing refers to an existing document in this case, click on the box.
- ◆ Verify date document was filed. (*Use today's date*).
- ◆ Click inside **Hearing Time:** field to enter time and click on **AM or PM.** Click inside **Hearing Date:** to enter date of hearing.
- ◆ Click on the ▼ arrow to the right of **Location** to choose the Courtroom the hearing will be held.
- ◆ The Opposition due Information date is defaulted.
- ◆ Click on the [Submit] button to continue. If this document does not refer to any related document, proceed to Step 15.

STEP 13 The Category Type screen will appear. (See Figure 13)

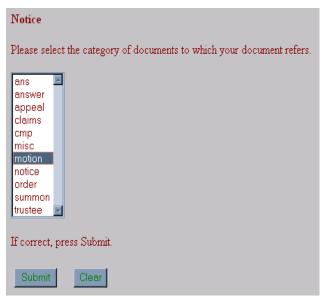


Figure 13

- Click on the category that you want to link to the document you are filing.
- ◆ If multiple categories, press and hold the *ctrl* key and click on appropriate category.
- ◆ Click on the [**Submit**] button to continue.

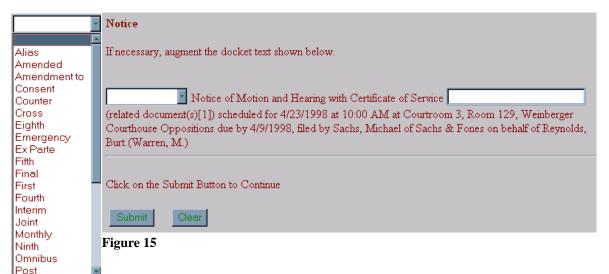
STEP 14 The Document List screen will appear. (See Figure 14)



Figure 14

- ◆ Click on the box to place a check mark on the appropriate document description.
- ◆ Verify the document being linked is the correct document.
- ◆ Click on the [**Submit**] button to continue.

STEP 15 The Modify Text screen will appear. (See Figure 15)



- ◆ To further define the document, click on the ▼ arrow to the right of the first box and select Amended, Emergency, Ex Parte, etc., *if applicable*.
- Click inside the second text box to add an additional information.
- ◆ Click on the [Submit] button to continue.

STEP 16 The Final Approval screen will appear. (See Figure 16)

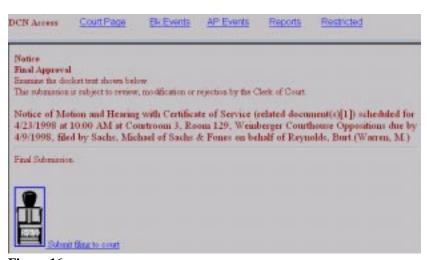


Figure 16

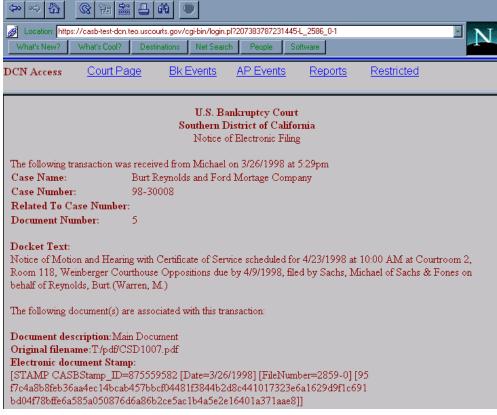
- Verify Final docket text.
- ◆ If final docket text is correct, proceed to **Step 17**.
- ◆ If final docket text is incorrect, to modify a previous screen, click on the Netscape **Back** button to find the screen to be modified.
- ◆ To abort or restart the transaction, click on Bk Events.

STEP 17 Click on the hypertext link <u>Submit filing to court</u>.

STEP 18 Click on the **Print** icon at the top of the Netscape screen to print out Notice of Electronic Filing.

The Notice of Electronic Filing will appear each time you submit a filing to the court through the ECF System. Each notice will include the following:

- ◆ Who filed the document:
- ◆ Date and Time:
- ◆ Case Name:
- ◆ Case Number:
- ◆ Document Number:
- ◆ Docket Text:
- ◆ Document Description:
- ◆ Original filename (*pdf*):
- ◆ Electronic document Stamp:



Notice of Electronic Filing

Set Up Automatic Mail Notification

The automatic mail notification function will allow you to receive notification via e-mail. This procedure will guide you through the selection process.

- **STEP 1** The interested party will access the ECF system through the Netscape icon.
 - ◆ Enter assign login and password. (See Figure 1)
 - ◆ Click on the [**Submit**] button to continue.

This is a Restricted Web Site . It is for authorized use only. Unauthorized entry is prohibited subject to prosecution under Title 18 of the U.S. Code. All activities and accesses are logged.
Login: mowarren
Key:
Submit Clear

Figure 1

STEP 2 Click on Reports located on the DCN Access bar to access the Automatic Mail Notification. (See Figure 2)



STEP 3 Click on the <u>Set Up Automatic Mail Notification</u> hypertext link, located under the title Other. (See Figure 3)



Figure 3

- STEP 4 To set up notification, you have four selections to choose from.
 - Selection 1 Receive notification in all case(s) you are a party, and case(s) you are not a party, but would like to receive notice.
 - Selection 2 Receive copies of Notice of Electronic filings.
 - Selection 3 Receive a summary report at the end of each day.
 - Selection 4 Enter the e-mail address(es) to receive notification.

Selection 1: Selection one has two parts. (See Figure 4)

- 1. Receive notification of all case(s) you are a party.
- Click inside the box to the left of *Select this box to receive* notices of activity for all cases in which you are a party.
- 2. Identifies the case(s) for which you would like to receive notification of activity. *Note: You do not have to be a party in a case to receive notification*.
- ◆ Click inside the text box to enter a list of case(s) for which you would like to receive notification of activity. Enter the case number in the format YY-#### (i.e., 97-1234).

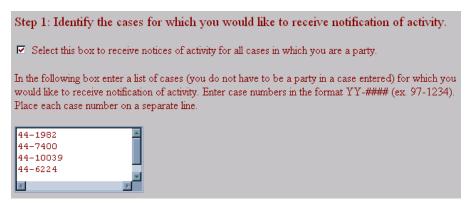


Figure 4

Selection 2: If you would like to receive a copy of each notice of electronic filing generated in the case(s) selected above.

◆ Click inside the box to the left of *Receive Copies of Notice* of *Electronic Filing*. (See Figure 5)

Step 2: Check the following box if you wish to receive a copy of each notice of electronic filing generated in the cases selected above.

✓ Receive Copies of Notice of Electronic filings

Figure 5

- Selection 3: At the end of each day you will receive a summary report listing all cases (as selected above in Figure 4) for which filings occurred during the day. (See Figure 6)
 - Click inside the box to the left of *Summary report*.

Step 3: Check the following box if you wish to receive a listing at the end of each day listing all cases (as selected above) for which filings occurred during the day.

Summary report

Figure 6

Selection 4: To receive any type of notification it is essential for you enter your e-mail address.

- ◆ Click inside text box to enter your e-mail address or addresses to which the information should be mailed. (See Figure 7)
- ◆ Click on the [**Submit**] button to continue.



Figure 7

STEP 5 Verify the information that was submitted.(See Figure 8)

- If you put a check mark inside any of the first three boxes the display screen will indicate that function is on. (i.e., Summary Mail = on).
- ◆ If you left the box blank, the display screen would signify no response, which would indicate you are not requesting said notice.(*i.e.*, *Mail notice of electronic filing* =).
- ◆ If you've entered an incorrect case number, the screen will display (i.e., 98-3874 is not a valid case.

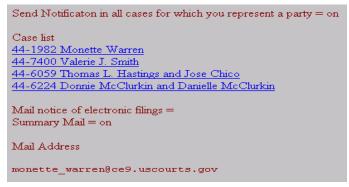


Figure 8

Note: To add additional case(s) to receive notification, repeat process.

To delete a case you no longer want to receive notification.

- ♦ Access <u>Set Automatic Mail Notification</u> hypertext link.
- Process Step 1: *Identify the cases for which you would like to receive notification of activity.*
- Remove check mark to indicate no notification requested.
- Enter the case number you no longer want to receive notification.
- Click on the [Submit] button.

Note: You have deleted any further notification of selected cases.

Docket Sheet

This will allow the user to view and print the docket for a specific case.

- **STEP 1** Click on the <u>Docket Sheet</u> hypertext link under Case(s) Reports
- STEP 2 The Selection Criteria screen will appear. (See Figure 1)

Docket Report			
	Enter a case or	umber in the format 96-	12345
	at in according o		est using the "Enter" date et text in descending order
Start Date:		End Date	
Start Document Ra	nge 🗀	End Document Range	
Fun Report	Clean		

Figure 1

- ◆ Enter the case number. Use the tab key to advance to the next field.
- ◆ To sort docket text using the "Filing" date, click on that option.
- ◆ To sort docket text using the "Enter" date, click on that option.
- ◆ Click inside the *Starting Date* field and *Ending Date* field to indicate the dates that the report will display.
- ◆ Click inside the *Start Document Range* and *End Document Range* fields to retrieve information by docket number entry.
- ◆ Click on the [**Run Report**] button to continue.
- STEP 3 The Case Docket screen will appear. (See Figure 2)



- ◆ Click on the docket number hypertext link to view the specific document.
- ◆ Select the print button on the Netscape power tool bar to print the docket sheet.

Query Module

The query module is an application that retrieves case information. It is available in the ECF System. It will provide a variety of inquiries for specific cases, including attorney, party, judge, associated cases and notice of filing information as well as printing capabilities.

1.0 Accessing Query Module

The Query Module can be accessed by clicking on the **Reports** event located on the DCN Access Menu Bar. A **Case(s) Report** screen will appear. (See Figure 1). Click on the **Query Module** hypertext link.

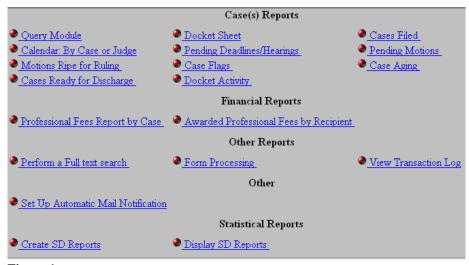


Figure 1

A Query Search Clues window will appear. (See Figure 2)

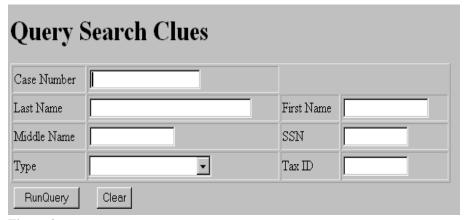


Figure 2

1.1 Finding a Case

The target case can be searched for in the following ways:

- the case number
- interested party
- social security number, or
- a tax identification number

The fastest way is to type the case number in the first field of the Search Clues window. For example:

98-30000

where "98" is the year and "30000" is the case sequence number. You must enter a dash between the case year and number sequence, however; you do not have to enter leading zeros, and if you want, you can type in all four digits of the case year (i.e., "1998-30000). Click on the **RunQuery** button to perform the search. To search by name just leave the Case Number *field* blank and type the name in the name field (Last,First, Middle). If you only know part of the name, you can use wildcards. A wildcard is any combination of letters. For example, if you type "Wilki", you will match "Wilkin", "Wilkins", "Wilkinson", and in fact any names that start with the letters you typed. In the **Type** field click the down arrow to open the type picklist (atty, court, creditor, judge, party, etc.) and select the desired party. Click on the [Run Query] button to start the search. A Select a Person screen will appear with names that match your search clue. Click on the desired name.

Once a person has been identified and selected, the Query application will display a **Short Case Summary** window (See Figure 4) with information such as Case Number, Debtor(s) name, Bankruptcy Chapter, and Judge. It will also display menu items under **Available Query Options**.

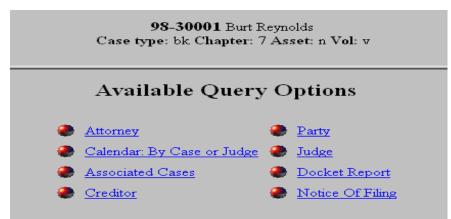


Figure 3 1.2 Query

Menu Options

The following menu items are summarized in the next eight tables: Attorney, Calendar by Case or Judge, Associated Cases, Creditors, Party, Judge, Docket Report, Notice of Filing.

Item	Action				
Attorney	Displays attorney(s) associated with the case				
Item	Action				
Calendar: By Case or Judge	Display matters scheduled for hearing for each judge, with date, time and location. (Note: See job aid on Calendar by Case or Judge)				
	<u></u>				
Item	Action				
Associated Cases	Displays cases related to the case (i.e. Adversaries).				
Item	Action				
Creditor	Displays the creditors in the case.				
Item	Action				
Party	Displays all parties associated with the case.				
Item	Action				
Judge	Displays the judge assigned to the case.				
Item	Action				
Docket Report	Displays the case docket. Prints case docket. (Note: See job aid on "Docket Sheet".)				
Item	Action				
Notice of Filing	Displays a Notice of Electronic Case filing with date, time and court seal. You can print the notice.				

View Transaction Log

This report will list all transactions made by an individual on a case based login.

STEP 1 Click on <u>View Transaction Log</u> hypertext link under Other Reports.

STEP 2 The Data Selection Criteria screen will appear. (See Figure 1)

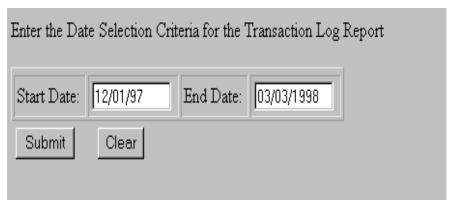


Figure 1

- ◆ Click inside the *Starting Date* and *Ending Date* fields to indicate the dates the report will display.
- ◆ Click on the [Submit] button to continue.

STEP 3 The Transaction Log screen will appear. (See Figure 2)

			3	Transaction Log Report Period: 12/01/1997 - 03/03/1998 Completed Transactions		
14		Date	Case Number	Text		
2345	12/23/	1997 16:58:11	1 39-5000	Opened New BK Case 39-5000		
2463	01/05/	1998 18:37:01	39-5000	Trustee's Report of No Distribution Trustee of this estate reports and certific that the trustee has performed the duties required of a trustee under 11 U.S. 5 704 and has concluded that there are no assets to administer for the benefit or reditor.		
2469	01/05/	1998 18:43:02	39-5000	Chapter 7 Voluntary Petition, Scheduler A-J & Statement of Financial Affair Submission of this document constitutes, if necessary, a credit card authroiza filed by Gordon, Robert of Gordon & Associates on behalf of Dunlop, Mich (Cuellar, Fr.		
2620	01/08/	1998 13:31:22	39-1000	Opened New BK Case 39-1000		
				Chapter 7 Voluntary Petition, Schedules A.J & Statement of Financial Affair		

Figure 2

◆ Select the print button on the Netscape power tool bar to print the report.

Cases Filed Report

This report will display Cases Filed, Discharged, Dismissed, Closed and Converted.

- STEP 1 Click on the <u>Cases Filed</u> hypertext link.
- STEP 2 The Select Criteria screen will appear. (See Figure 1)

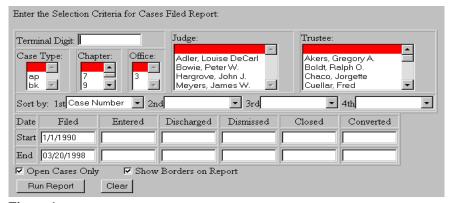


Figure 1

- ◆ **Terminal Digit** field click in the box and type the terminal digit(s) for the report to display. For example (00-99, 7, 6).
- ◆ Case Type field click on bk.
- ◆ Chapter field click on case chapter.
- ◆ **Judge** field click on a judge or leave blank.
- ◆ **Trustee** field click on a trustee or leave blank.
- ◆ **Sort By** field click on the down ▼ arrow to the right of the box and click on an option for the report to display. *Note:* If you want the report to display more than one criteria, repeat the process in the other boxes.
- ◆ Date field click in the report box (Filed, Entered, Discharge, Dismissed, Closed, Converted) and type in a start date and end date for the report to display.
- ◆ Open Cases field click in the box to run the report on open cases.
- ◆ Click on [Run Report] button.

STEP 3 The Report screen will appear. (See Figure 2)

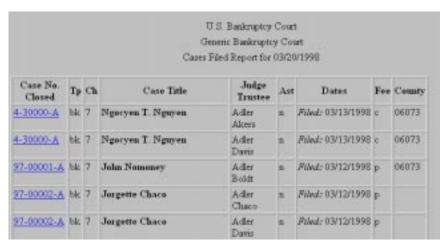


Figure 2

- ◆ Click on the print button from the Netscape power tool bar to print the report.
- ◆ Click on the hypertext link to view the case docket.

Pending Deadlines/Hearing Report

This report will provide a list of case(s) with pending deadlines.(i.e., Claims Bar Date, Objections due, Pending hearings, Chapter 11 Plan)

- STEP 1 Click on Pending Deadlines/Hearing Report from the hypertext link.
- STEP 2 The Select Criteria screen will appear. (See Figure 1)

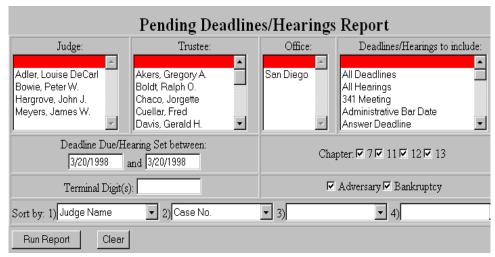


Figure 1

- ◆ **Judge** field click on a judge or leave blank.
- ◆ Trustee field click on the down ▼ arrow to scroll through the list and then click on a trustee or leave this field blank.
- ◆ Office location field click on San Diego.
- ◆ **Deadlines/Hearings to include** field click on the down ▼ to the right of the box and scroll through the event list to select an event.
- ◆ Deadline Due/Hearing Set between field click in the boxes and type dates for the report to display.
- ◆ **Chapter** field click in the applicable box.
- ◆ **Terminal Digit(s)** field click in the box and type the terminal digits. For example (00-99, 7, 6).
- ◆ Adversary or Bankruptcy field click in the box.
- ◆ The **Sort By** field gives you four boxes in which to select criteria. Click on the down ▼ arrow to the right of each box to select the criteria for the report to display.
- ◆ Click on the [**Run Report**] button.

STEP 3 The Pending Deadlines/Hearings Report screen will appear. (See Figure 2)

Pending Deadlines/Hearings Report U.S. Bankruptcy Court-Generic Bankruptcy Court Report Period: 01/01/1997 - 03/20/1998							
Case Number	Case Name	Deadline/Hearing	Date Due/Set	Notes			
98-30012-B	Danuta Saladyga	Deadline: Objection for Discharge due	Due: 03/13/1998 Time:	Chapter: 7 Filed: 03/02/1998 Office: San Diego Type: Bankruptcy Judge: Bowie, Peter Terminal Digit: 12 Trustee: Akers, Gregor			
		Danishina Ohiasian	D 11/17/1007	Chapter: 7 Filed: 03/13/1998 Office: San Diego			

Figure 2

- ◆ Click on the print button from the Netscape power tool bar to print the report.
- ◆ Click on the case number hypertext link to view the docket.